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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Art Unit: 1638

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For: Disease-Induced Polynucleotides )

## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

## In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the title with the following: TRANSGENIC PLANTS COMPRISING POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS THAT CONFER DISEASE TOLERANCE.

Replace the abstract of the invention with the following:

The present invention provides a transgenic plant comprising a polynucleotide encoding a transcription factor that may be used to confer disease tolerance to the plant. Further, the invention provides a method for altering the disease tolerance of a plant by altering the expression levels of the polynucleotide encoding the transcription factor, and the polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences themselves.

## In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 6

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